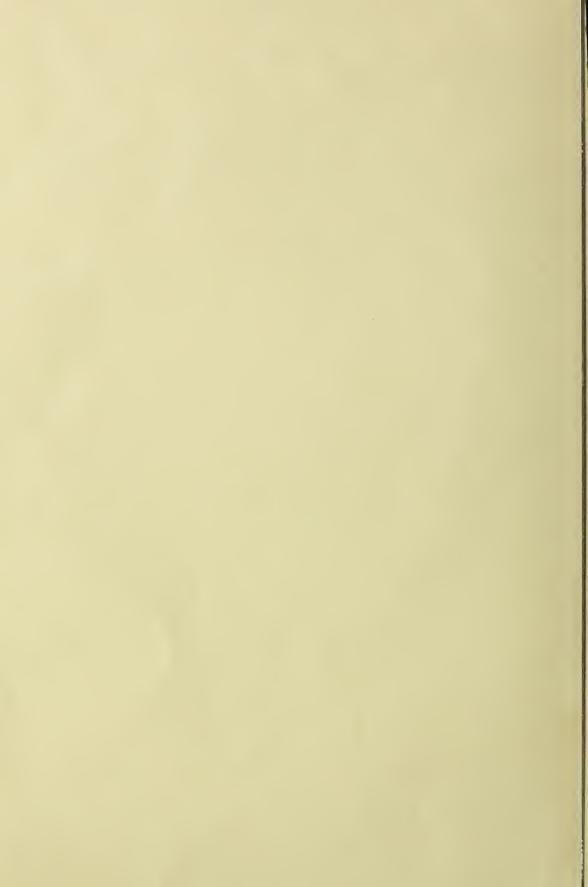
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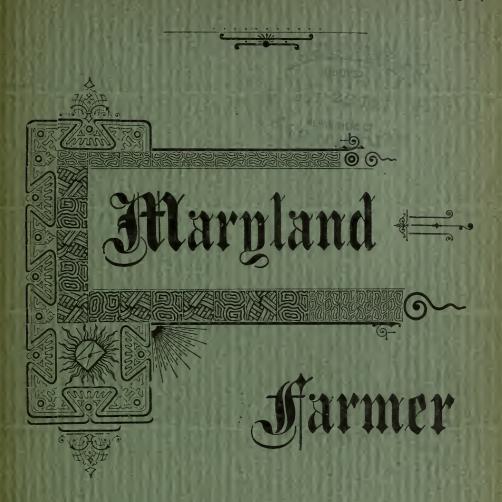
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She is in the greenwood shade,
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Youths, rejoice! In sportive measures
Sing ye! join the chorus gay!
Hail this merry, merry May!

Up, then children! we will go Where the blooming roses grow: In a joyful company We the bursting flowers will see; Up, your festal dress prepare! Where gay hearts are meeting, there May hath pleasures most inviting, Heart and sight and ear delighting. Listen to the bird's sweet song: Hark! how soft it floats along! Courtly dames, our pleasures share! Never saw I, May so fair; Therefore, dancing will we go. Youths, rejoice! the flowerets blow! Sing ye! join the chorus gay! Hail this merry, merry May!"

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MAY WORK,

BY THE EDITOR.

Great problems are before the farmer, and they will be mingled with his farm work, no matter how diligently he may be employed in the field. He cannot escape thoughts about the expenses of his farm; and the questions of sale of produce and of profit and loss will be in his mind in spite of the con-

stant labor of hand and brain on the immediate work before him.

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But this is too large a subject to be discussed under May Work, and the editor will be ready at the call of farmers to lecture on this subject, whenever a good and true word may be desired by them; only requiring provision to be made for his fare to the place of meeting and return.

Bright skies and warm days are with us during this most charming month of all the year. A slight frost may possibly come during the first ten days; but it will do but little harm if it should come, and it is at best only a doubtful factor.

The atmosphere will be of that character which invites to vigorous and healthful exercise, and the ground will feel the warmth of the sun's rays till it imparts a strength to every seed and plant which may be given to its keeping.

Before the month ends the hot beds will be despoiled of all their treasures, and the garden and the field will have their promises of riches to the eye of the planter. The great expanse given over to the tomato plants and to sweet potato plants makes large amends for the stripping process from the hot beds; while during the warm days of the last of the month, the tender peppers and egg plants are safely transferred to the garden plats.

In the kitchen garden the tender vegetables may be planted this month: Corn, cucumbers, beans of every variety, melons, okra, pumpkins, squash, etc. Make for yourself a good garden; there is no reason that you should not have every vegetable luxury which can be grown in your soil in your locality.

If you deprive yourself and your family of anything which the ground will produce, if properly prepared, planted and tended, it is your fault. The soil is there, only awaiting your co-operation to give to your family whatever each one may like best. A little work, a trifle of intelligent work and nothing is with-

held from you. Nature will respond to your labors. What a vast amount of the good things of life will nature give you, if you but lend her a hand towards providing it. You may have all the fruits 'labor can win from the land you occupy, in their season, all the berries as they ripen making a procession that would gratify and bless you-the strawberry, currant, gooseberry, raspberry, blackberry; the cherry, apple, peach, pear, plum and quince; the asparagus, rhubarb, radish, beet, and all the array of goodly delicacies that add so much to the happiness of life. You can have them every one, and what an addition will they be to the sum of your joys! Don't begrudge a little labor, when so little will secure so much.

Why is it that so many women have such an aversion to life on the farm? It is a well known fact that most American women do have an aversion to farm life, and it is because they are deprived of so many of the comforts which they believe to be common to those who live in the city. Of course the great body of city dwellers do not enjoy all these comforts; but it is thought that they may easily obtain them, for the city markets abound in every production that will add to the gratification of the palate and will stimulate the flagging appetite. It is for the farmer to show that all these things come from his farm and garden, and that only on his table can they be found in their perfection. When this is realized, with the accompanying fact that woman's lot on the farm is no longer one of constant unre warded drudgery, a great revolution will take place in the minds of American women, and the farm will become in reality the ideal home, to which all hearts will look with yearning.

Inaugurate during this month, of this year, this great reform. Resolve that you make your home first of all the recipient of every good thing which your and you will find your reward in a contentment and happiness too rich for pen to record.

TREATMENT OF COLTS.

Every man who raises colts should have an easy fitting halter, the five ring leather halter is the best, but a rope head halter will do, always something that he cannot break, and put it on every colt when he is but a few days old, when he can be easily handled. Lead him around with it a little, just enough to let him feel its restraint. Then tie him in the stable where the mare is, but a little distance from her, being careful to place him where he cannot get his feet hung, and watch him till you are satisfied that he "accepts the situation;" you may then leave him an hour or so, when he should be turned loose. This operation should be repeated several days, and the mare may be led away to water while the colt is tied, and then she may be used for an hour or so, thus gradually accustoming them to be separate, and in a short time the mare may be used in the field, or on the road, three or four hours, while the colt is tied in the stable, and neither of them manifest much restlessness. It is very often desirable to use the mare where it is not convenient to have the colt following, but unless they are accustomed to the separation while the colt is quite young, she will become restless and fretful for use, especially if she is of a nervous temperament. When the colt is haltered, he should be curried and petted. but never in any case should he be teased

so as to leer or put himself in an attitude as stated, would seem to warrant, beof self defence. Treat him so that he cause his personal knowledge of agriwill always be glad to have you near him. culture antedates the limit prescribed

A colt thus accustomed to the halter, may be tied to the collar of the harness when it is necessary to take the mare away from home for the entire day. He will very soon learn to walk quietly by the side of the mare, and is not liable to get lost when he goes to the city, or where there may be many other horses.

If the colt is tied a considerable portion of every day while the mare is at work, he should be turned loose as soon as she returns, and have the privilege of the pasture lot as much as pos sible; indeed, after he has become accustomed to the absence of his mother, he may be left in the yard or lot when she is taken to the field for work provided the fence is high and tight. Colts thus treated will be docile and easily broken to the harness; and if the practice of tying them in the stable at night is kept up, they will be worth twenty per cent. more when three years old than they would be if they were never handled.

For the Maryland Farmer.

FARMING IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND FORTY YEARS AGO AND NOW.

BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN.
Before the Vansville Farmer's Club.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—The subject chosen for this evening's essay, is, Farming in this section forty years ago and now. The writer is uncertain as to what latitude he may be allowed in treating this question. He claims the right to take a more extended range as to time and territory than the subject,

culture antedates the limit prescribed more than a decade, and did time permit he could dwell long on the recollections and observations of those sunny, youthful days: I go back nearly fifty years, more particularly for the purpose of giving the club some statistics to show the growth and development of agriculture in our State and the country at large, and also because, about that time, there seemed to be a general awakening to the necessity of better, more intelligent and scientific methods in agriculture; and though our State was adjudged behind those of the East in successful farming, Maryland claimed the distinguished honor of having established the first agricultural paper in the United States.

Hon. John S. Skinner, of Calvert county, moved to Baltimore in 1813, and always an ardent admirer and lover of all sorts of rural employments, and thinking his State behind those of the North and East in its agricultural progress, determined to use his energies and talents to arouse his fellow citizens to emulate their neighbors, and on April 2nd, 1819, issued the first number of the old American Farmer, without a single subscriber, the first periodical in America which devoted its columns to agricultural intelligence and informationthe ancestor of all those now living. No pains were spared to make the "Farmer" worthy of the cause, and many essays from the best writers in the country appeared in its columns.

To this advanced man's efforts is due largely the lively interest manifested in the forties. He was the first to propose and organize the agricultural shows in the Middle and Southern States, and was not only a co-worker with Charles B. Calvert. George W. Dobbin, Horace Capron, John Glenn, and other progressive spirits; but he was a potent factor in getting up the Maryland Institute for the promotion of Mechanic Arts, and also in 1848, aided in an organization for the purpose of starting an Agricultural Show, which was the ontgrowth principally of his efforts and recommendations. On November 9th and 10th. 1849, the first cattle show and agricultural exhibition was held in the city of Baltimore, which was a success; and from this period a spirit of inquiry seemed to arouse the intelligent farmer, and a desire to reach out after improved methods and scientific research.

January 14th, 1852, the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture issued a circular calling upon the societies throughout the United States to send delegates to Washington for the purpose of forming a National Agricultural Convention to take such steps as seemed necessary to obtain recognition by the general government, and fair treatment at the hands of the United States Congress. A continued and aggressive fight in process of time secured an Agricultural Bureau with a Commissioner at its head, and further on a Secretary who is now a member of the President's Cabinet.

The province of this bureau is that of collecting and disseminating correct information as to the best modes of cultivation, of restoring the fertility of the soil, and of procuring and distributing useful seeds and plants, with instructions in regard to the soil, climate, and treatment best adapted to their growth.

That the work of this department has been pushed intelligently and with vigor in its various lines there can be no doubt; and with great advantage and profit to the agricultural interests of the country. One bulletin issued by this department in January of this year on the care and value of stable and barn yard manure, if closely read and the suggestions adopted by the farmers generally, will be worth millions to the country.

To give an idea of the magnitude of the work of this department, I will state that the appropriation for printing and binding for the year 1894 was \$215,044.-87. Forty years ago the agricultural interests were totally ignored by the government. There may have been a congressional committee on agriculture, but I believe it never made a report. unnecessary to comment largely on the conduct of this branch of the government and the multiplied investigations which have been made and are still under way; suffice it to say that, through its work and the educating influences proceeding from it, agriculture has been brought much nearer a science and is to day on a higher plane than ever before; the present great depression and consequent low prices of farm products to the contrary notwithstanding.

Farming in this section within the memory of the writer has not been generally profitable, because for many years the old skinning process obtained of working indifferently too much land, and when the crops became insufficient to reward the farmer the land was allowed to lay out to put up a crop of sedge, briers, and pine bushes. Such was the condition of the land within the

corporate limits of Laurel, the subdivision known as Fairlawn, and the land owned by Mr. Gambrill, when Col. Horace Capron, who had been engaged in manufacturing here, purchased the land mentioned-about 1000 acres-in the year 1841, and proceeded to give the farmers of the State an object lesson in the renovation of worn out lands. the period of eight years, he demonstrated the problem to the entire satisfaction of all who had a knowledge of the condition of the land when purchased. Thorough under drainage and liberal application of all the best fertilizers at that time obtainable, soon began to put a new face on the land. Wood ashes were freely used with prompt and permanent results. Peruvian Guano was applied upon the old fields, giving good crops of wheat and clover, which, followed by lime without stint, soon brought the land up to a high state of cultivation. As soon as the grass producing power of the land warranted, be purchased a large herd of cows and turned his attention to dairy farming, making it a point to consume the entire product of the land; and carefully husbanding the manure, which, judiciously applied, proved a powerful adjunct in renovating these worn out lands. Under this system, a few years from the date of purchase, as many as twenty barrels of corn were measured from a single acre. accurate set of farm books was kept and the figures show a large net profit. course the increased value of the land was reckoned as a part of the profit.

In the latter part of the year 1848 the 1,680,000 Capron estate was purchased by Mr. T. 545,000 J. Talbot, and farmed by him for a 50,000 number of years, with marked success; 200,000

his sales of farm products running up to from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand dollars a year.

The rapid transformation wrought from old fields to rich and productive land gave an impetus to agricultural improvement in this and adjoining counties; notably Montgomery, where the same system which impoverished the land, before referred to, prevailed. Much of the land in that county which forty odd years ago could have been bought for a mere pittance, is to day in a fine state of cultivation, and valued by the owners at a high figure. In traveling through this county one cannot fail to note evidences of progress, intelligence, and refinement.

Fifty years ago, and up to the close of the civil war, the Southern and large slave holding counties of this State were far more prosperous than since that time. They were favored with a good alluvial soil, immense marlieds at hand, and an abundance of labor skilled in the handling and management of tobacco, the staple crop, which always brought remunerative prices. At the time mentioned and in proportion to its size, Maryland was the largest tobacco growing State in the Union, and her leaf was preferred by several foreign Markets.

I give below the receipts of produce in the Baltimore Market for the year 1850.

896,000 Bbls. Flour. 44,000 "Corn Meal, 2,275,000 Bus. Wheat of which

680,000 "were taken by Millers. 545,000 "shipped coastwise and

50,000 "exported—about 200,000 "came from Pennsylvania.

Total receipts of corn, year 1850. 3,250,000 bus. of which there was shipped to foreign ports, 450,000 bus.

Used in distilling, consumption and grinding into meal, 800,000 bus.

Rye received, 40,000 bus. nearly all of which went to distillers.

Tobacco inspected in Baltimore in 1850 in the five State warehouses 41,-833 hogsheads.

On hand January 1, 1850, 19,652 Hhds. Exported and consumed 61,460 Hhds. On hand December 31, 1850, 10,651 Hhds.

Crop of tobacco to come to Baltimore 1851 estimated:

From Virginia 30,000 Hhds.
Kentucky, Tenn. and Mo. 50,000 "
Ohio 14,000 "
Maryland 22,000 "
Total. 116,000 "

It will be interesting to the club to compare the foregoing, with the following figures—forty odd years intervening:

Tobacco exported from Baltimore in 1893, 44,293 Hhd; 2,460 Hhds. in excess of total receipts for 1850. Receipts of wheat in Baltimore in 1893, 17,571,332 bus.; exported 16,661,556 bus. In 1850, as I have shown, wheat exported was 50,000 bus.

Receipts of corn, in 1892—20,631.527 bus. Receipts of corn in 1850—3,250, 000 bus

The population of Maryland by Census of 1840 was, 470,019 and by Census of 1890 was, 1,042,390; increase of over 100 per cent. In 1840 there was engaged in agriculture 72,495 of her population—about one sixth.

I cannot give you a better idea of the progress of agriculture in our country than to call your attention to the follow-statistics; showing the increased demand for improved agricultural implements, etc.

There were 1,943 manufacturies of agricultural implements in the United States in 1860, with capital invested amounting to \$11,477,239; in 1880, capital invested \$62,109,568.

Hands employed in 1860—14,814. " " 1880—39,480.

It is unnecessary to follow up the improvements wrought in farming implements and machinery during the last forty years. There can be no doubt however, that the triumphs achieved by mechanical skill along the line of labor saving implements and machinery have served in a large measure to secure the agriculturist a degree of independence, even when confronted by disorganizing labor troubles.

Returning to Southern Maryland, which, as has been stated, was the most prosperous section of the State for many years, and until summarily deprived of slave labor, when the farmers and planters were compelled to adopt the share. tenant system, under the operation of which there has been a steadily increasing depreciation of the property, so marked, that what were fine estates forty years ago, can be purchased for about one sixth of their former estimated valuation In this section, embracing a portion of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Howard, Anne Arundel counties, there is but little extensive farming done at present. The methods of forty years ago have been supplanted by more enlightened modes of management and agricultural improvement. In this section more attention is now given to the enltivation of small fruits, vegetables and truck for Baltimore and Washington markets, and local canneries.

The outlook for the farmer here and elsewhere at present is not reassuring; but it is a comfortable reflection to feel that there is much more enlightenment in the agricultural communities than there was forty years ago, and a determination evinced to avail of all the multiplied improvements in all directions.

Before concluding I feel I should apologize to the club for the crude way the subject has been treated. It has only been touched here and there in a very plain, desultory manner; enough has been evolved to show the startling growth made in Agriculture in the last forty years. Various agencies have been employed to accomplish the results obtained, amongst which the Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, the Farmers' Clubs, and Institutes, have wrought wonders as teachers of the people, and to these great educational forces is largely due the steadily increasing interest manifested in agriculture—the most important branch of the world's industry.

For The Maryland Farmer.

SILVER AND GOLD.

One of the stong arguments used against the free coinage of silver 18, that it will make certain owners of productive silver mines millionaires. It is not for a moment hinted that the gold standard has already made thousands of millionaires at the expense of the poor, especial-

ly of the farmers. It may make some silver mine owners wealthy, but not at the destruction of farmers or the laborers of the country. Their wealth will come from the profits on their mines and will add to the general volume of distributed wealth to benefit the masses.

The single gold standard has already doubled the amount necessary to be paid by the farmer to cancel his indebtedness, and the end is not yet seen, if this standard continues. When we know, as stated in plain statistics, that 17,000 bushels of wheat would have paid the President's salary in 1863, and that it will take to day 100,000 bushels of wheat to pay it—the featful oppression of the single gold standard on farmers becomes plainly visible.

Arguments may be brought forward in as many shapes as the ingenuity of men can invent; but this fact remains the same. The farmer has the bill to foot. He owed \$10,000, and could have paid it under the bimetallic standard with 8000 bushels of wheat; now, under the single gold standard, he must raise 20,000 bushels to pay the same debt. This is a practical test of the thing, and it runs the same with everything the farmer produces. Words will not change this fact, and farmers have enough hard common sense to cling to the fact and repudiate the gush of nonsensical words. with which the fact is attempted to be buried.

Farmers should be alive to their in terests and use the ballot to place men in Congress who will serve their interests, and not the interests of money lenders, who are now eating out their very lifeblood under the false plea for a single gold standard.

Compiled for the Maryland Farmer. FARM ITEMS.

Young lambs and foals ought to have a pasture of young clover to run on.

Iowa has 750 creameries, producing 150,000,000 pounds of butter, worth \$33,-597,000.

The proper time for spraying apple trees is when the blossoms are falling from the trees.

Currants and gooseberries should be planted on good soil. which must be kept rich and well worked.

Breeders are looking about for bulls, and far sighted herdsmen will insist upon choosing the best bulls offered for sale.

The value of beet pulp for feeding cattle is being demonstrated largely in California, where beet growing is an important industry.

The benefits of spraying are these: It preserves the fruit from insect injury: the fruit is large, higher colored, of a richer flavor, and of better keeping properties.

Sows and young pigs ought to have plenty of grain with slops and sour milk. Arrange to have a swill of milk undisturbed by the older hogs or their own mother.

It pays to get fresh seed corn from a different locality and soil. The German farmers practice the changing method to a greater extent than any other agriculturists in the world.

Milch cows with calves ought to have as much green food as possible, and a bucket of meal and water twice a day if they have not a good grass pasture, or green rye provided for them.

Feed the work cattle and horses high and groom them well, as this is the trying time of the year for them, and their work is hard. Give plenty of clean water and let them have access to salt.

In Switzerland a milkmaid or man gets better wages, if gifted with a good voice, because it has been discovered that a cow will yield one-fifth more milk if soothed during the process of milking by a pleasing melody. For ticks on sheep, take oil of turpentine, four parts; olive oil, twelve parts; creosote, one part. Mix well, and apply along the body, parting the wool. Too much should not be applied at one time.

It has been estimated that the loss to our farmers and fruit growers from noxious insects, fungi and leaf-blight, is \$400,000,000 per year. The only practical way of combating the insects, etc, is by spraying your trees.

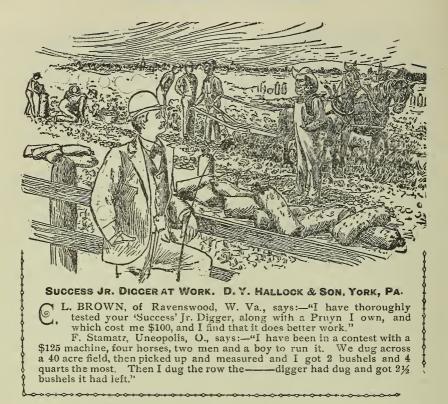
Fright and excitement are frequent causes of abortion in timid and nervous mares. The sudden appearance of strange and noisy objects, and disagreeable strong odors of animal matter are to be avoided. Also fast riding, driving and overloading.

As a remedy for film on an animal's eye, get burnt alum; Pound and rub the alum into a powder, making it as fine as flour. Fill a common goose quill partly full, and from that blow it into the eye. If the eye is bruised by a blow the alum would probably do no good.

All fruit and shade trees should be trimmed when they are planted. Cut back the previous year's growth one half its length at least. Trim dwarf trees into pyramids. With the lowest branches not more than two or three feet from the ground; prune all bruised or broken roots.

As all fertilizers are quite soluable, it matters little how they are applied, provided they are not buried deeply in the soil. They may be harrowed in, but never plowed into the soil. Thesafest way to apply is one half when the land is harrowed and the other half on the surface after planting or sowing the seed.

If not already done, go over the orchards and prune and shorten in whereever required, and wash the bodies and parts of the largest limbs with a mixture of soft soap, ashes, a little salt and water, or soap suds, enough to bring it to a consistency of thick white wash. Apply with a brush or mop. If you have a sprayer, use that.



SOME HABITS OF BEES.

BY J. W. SOUTHWOOD.

The natural habits of bees are to build comb which contain worker cells, in which to store honey and rear workerbrood, drone cells in which to rear drone brood, and when not in use for this purpose, to also store honey, (at least they make use of it for this purpose); and at certain times queen cells, in which to rear queens.

In every colony of fair normal condias numbers are concerned, of either, or

keep up with the comb building so as to supply the cells with worker eggs. with the exception of a sufficiency to be stored with food for the rearing of the brood. When the queen is able to thus supply the cells as fast as built, the bees it appears, conclude she is all right. But when she is too enfeebled by age or otherwise, or if the colony is large, comparatively, with her ability to that of the comb-builders, then she falls behind, and the bees seem to take know tion worker-cells are far in excess, so far ledge of it, and think she is failing, and therefore contemplate supersedure. And both other kinds, as the queen in such a as drones are half longer time in being colony can and does nearly if not quite reared than the queen, and being necessary for the fertilization of the forth-coming virgin queen, provided the failing of the queen is such as to bring about this condition of affairs, they build drone comb so as to be ready for the emergency, should it come. When this condition exists, we way expect drone comb. Those who have used wide starters in brood-frames, one-half, one third, or even less, when hiving swarms can testify.

There must not be given the combbuilders more frames to draw out than the queen can keep pace with in supplying with eggs while the combs are being built, neither should we give wide start ers so as to place them ahead of the queen in her egg deposit, unless we desire drone comb. Of course, if full sheets are given, the cell foundations are all forced, and the bees, thus thwarted, will draw the cell-walls and fill with honevinstead of waiting for the queen to fill them with eggs. Their habits are such as to always have a few queencells.—American Bee Journal.

For the Maryland Farmer.

MAY. lts Temperature and Rainfall.

BY ALBERT E. ACWORTH.

May is to be regarded as practically the great planting season of all Maryland; for, although on the lighter soils of Southern and South Eastern Maryland much may have been done in this direction, yet the certainty of April frosts deters the planting of many early and tender plants. True with hot beds, and cold frames, they may have been prepared for setting out, yet few have been placed in the open field. It then be-

comes a question of great interest to know what may be the temperature and also, the rainfall of the month.

Taking Baltimore as a centre, its temperature for 19 years was 65.° and the rainfall 3.5 inches. Cumberland 62.2°, rainfall 3.51 in. The coldest May at Cumberland was 1866 with a temperature of 53.9°; the warmest 1880 67° (36 years). The dryest May was 1875 with a rainfall of 0.30 in.; wettest 1892, 7.31 in. Princess Anne. Md., 1823-1890, observations for 20 years, average temperature 63.6, highest 1844, 78.6°; coldest 1841, 61.1°. There were 71 rains noted, an average of 3.6 rains per month-rain guage not used if known. About 20 clear days were noted per month, the rest divided between fair and cloudy.

How very uncertain a factor, if a most important one, the rainfall is, may be seen from the fact that 18 places in this State in 1892 reported the rainfall for May. Of these Baltimore and Fallston each reported over 6 inches; Easton, New Market and Taneytown over 5 in.; Boetcherville, Jewel, Woodstock over 4 in.; 7 places over 3, with Frederick and Solomons over 2 inches.

But all this is not our frosts which every one dreads. Most unfortunately our accessible frost records only give the dates of the last one in Spring and the first in Autumn. Times without number it is the frequency of them rather than their date that is most to be feared.

In past papers their forecast was treat ed, now a few words as to their frequency. In the Princess Anne Record of 20 years, there are 17 frosts noted in May and these vary in number from 0 to 3. The average temperature of the month when they occurred was 63° to 65°.

More observers and better records are needed from which to draw conclusions.

The crops season at Cumberland, April to September, both inclusive, average temperature (36 years) 74.8° Rainfall (23 years) 3.26.

Pricess Anne, Md., same months, 28 years ending in 1850, 69°. Mardela Springs, 6 years 89—94 crops season 67.5° rainfall 4.29 in. per month.

Fellow farmers: My ancestors have been within two miles of where I now write for over 274 years.—I have seen the country schools grow from the 3 R's to philosophy and a glimpse of algebra and the higher mathematics; but I have yet to see the thermometer and the rainguages carried into every home, their record kept and studied. But by the heat and moisture our crops are raised, our children educated.

All honor then to Howard Shriver who has given us the temperature for 36 years at Cumberland, and its rainfall for 23 years.

A word of praise and a chaplet for Dr. Samuel Kerr, of Princess Anne, who, amida busy life as a physician, kept records of the temperature from 1823 to 1850. Many of them were published in The Village Herald of that place, the first consecutive record that I recollect ever to have seen in a newspaper.

In July 1888, when I commenced reporting the weather for this section, there were 11 in all Maryland, now 36. Then the Eastern Shore had only one—Galisia, in Kent—now 5. I miss Queen Anne, Kent and Cecil from the roll. Would we had one from each county,

for their inhabitants are among the most intelligent in the State, certainly among the most thrifty.

When the Baltimore Exposition comes two years hence, amidst Maryland's Exhibits should be one of the climate and rain fall of every county.

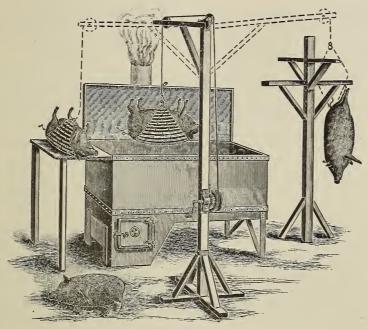
OVER-FEEDING.

Over-feeding with fat forming food causes most of the diseases of birds confined in small runs. The usual dietary scale for such birds is barley meal and sharps mixed with hot water, spices, etc. for morning meal, and maize, barley, wheat and oats for evening feed, as much as they will eat greedily.

Birds so fed lay well at first, but soon become too fat, lay double yolked eggs, the liver becomes enlarged and fat scrofulous nodules are deposited in it and unless the birds die from ruptured oviducts and ruptured livers the deposit increases until the birds die of exhaustion.

Now these scrofulous nodules can seldom be removed, but if the disease be not too far advanced a stop to their increase can be effected by changing the diet: Give barley and thick bean meal and sharps at night mixed with a small quantity of sulphur and salt. About twice a week give each fowl in the soft food three grains of the carbonate of iron.

This disease being caused by over feeding with fat forming food, is not hereditary because we have proved that healthy birds confined in small runs and improperly fed have contracted the disease; have bred chickens from the birds and the chicks have lived and thrived to old age.—Am. Stock Keeper.



THE STAR FOOD BOILER.

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The illustration represents a galvanized steel boiler with furnace, which has been successfully placed on the market by the Star M'f'g. Co., Middleburg, Ind. It acts on the principle of any common sense boiler, requiring no fdrther attention than the ordinary stove boiler, and never in danger of explosion. The material of which it is made and the economy of price and use commend it. The illustration shows one of its adaptations in the season for hog killing on the farm.

Balky Horses.

The brain of a horse seems to entertain but one thought at a time; for this reason continued whipping is out of question, and only confirms his stubborn

resolve. But if you can by any means change the direction of his mind, give him a new subject to think of, nine times out of ten you will have no further trouble in starting him. As simple a trick as a little pepper, aloes or the like thrown back on his tongue, will often succeed by turning his attention to the taste in his mouth. A simple remedy is to take a couple of turns of common wrapping twine, around the fore leg just below the knee, tight enough for the horse to feel, and tie in a bow knot. At the first "chuck" he will go dancing off, and after a short distance, you can get out, remove the string to prevent injury to the tendon in your further drive; or tie a string tightly around his ear, which will serve to drive his mind to forget his stubborness. - Lon. Garden.

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INTERESTING ITEMS.

Try the "Maryland Farmer," for one year.

American clocks are being shipped to Singapore.

Amsterdam will hold a World's Exposition in 1895.

The United States exported to Switzerland in 1893, 205,390 pieces of sole leather.

Italy exported to Austria, France and Germany 15,775,320 pounds of poultry in 1894.

About 50,000 dozen pairs of leather gloves were manufactured in the Grand Duchy of Luxemberg in 1893.

The estimated population of the United States in 1900, according to the best authorities, will be 76,639.854.

The agricultural resources of the United States are estimated at being equal to supporting 1,000,000,000 people.

The postmen of London together walk something like 48,350 miles per day, a distance nearly equal to twice the circumference of the globe.

The destruction of the Florida crops has caused an advance of 50 per cent in the price of Oranges at Palermo, with a decided upward tendency.

American citizens hold concessions for drilling artesian wells for irrigation purposes throughout Persia, and for the introduction of electricity in its varied forms.

Two sections of the great Russian railway across Siberia are now in operation. The aggregate of the two is 761 miles. The total length of the road is to be 4,000 miles.

At the 13 cattle fairs held in the City of Luxemberg in 1893, 2000 horses were offered for sale at the average value of \$80 to \$140. 7150 horned cattle \$24 to \$90. 4100 sheep \$3 to \$7.

Dairy farming is one of the leading industries of Canada. In 1894 the exports of cheese alone amounted to over \$15,000,000. Farmer's are receiving good profits from this industry.

The great Yuma desert was formerly a salt sea. Sea shells and oysters fourteen inches in diameter have frequently been found at from ten inches to two feet in the sand in various parts of that desert.

Dr. Silbruck, principal of the Brewers School in Berlin, who was sent by the Government to the Chicago Exhibition to study beer and brewing, is experimenting in the brewing of beer from American corn.

Herr Hermann Lange, President of the North German Exhibition for Commerce and Industry, has notified the London Board of Trade that an Exposition will be held at Lubeck from July 1st to September 30th, 1895.

The largest body of cavalry that ever charged at the same time was the one under command of Sultan Saliman, that charged the Christian army at Niceduring the first crusade. It is said that 200,000 men figured in the charge.

One of the most remarkable sights to be seen in Australia is a burning mountain 1,820 feet in height. The mountain is supposed to be underlaid with an inexhaustitible coal seam, which in some way became ignited. It was burning long before the advent of white men to that part of the country.

An Agricultural Implements Exhibition will be held at Vienna, Austria, from the 4th to the 7th May, 1895. American manufacturers should take notice of this, and for full information on this subject consult consular Reports for Maryland, 1895. Max Judd, consul general at Vienna, Report to Bureau of Statistics, State Department.

American White Oak is held in high esteem in Denmark, and being far superior to the native oak, has splendid chances in markets there. Walnut, poplar and pine are also sought after. All lumber shipped there should be thoroughly dried and seasoned. Boards, planks, and sawed lumber find the most ready sale. There is no duty on oak imported into Denmark. Other woods pay a duty of 3½ cents per cubic foot.

For The Maryland Farmer.

SOME SUGGESTION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO POTATO SCAB.

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But a few years since it was very common to hear the "scientific" or the "agricultural paper" farmer ridiculed by most of his neighbors, but somehow that is becoming less and less common. Success when contrasted with failure, and prosperity with poverty, are convincing arguments. The supposed fancies of the educated theorist, who farmed according to rules, have been proven facts. Yet it is too true that there are still some pretending to farm who, either because of ignorance or from mere shiftlessness, go on year after year fighting a losing battle with the forces of nature.

The time was when a virgin soil and freedom from plant foes ensured a bountiful harvest to even the most indifferent husbandman. An exhausted soil and the many times multiplied enemies of our crops, in the form of insects, weeds and fungi, have changed all this. We have to combat not only the untoward forces incident to any time and place but many evils inherited as a result of the indifferent farming of the past. The farmer of today gets only that for which he is willing to pay the price. The prize does not necessarily go to him who toils the most laboriously and makes the longest day. He only wins who intelligently adapts means to ends, who seeks to know his environments as determined by the character of his soil and the means of and the condition of his accessible mar-

kets. And none need be in ignorance on these points for these are the questions that the agricultural colleges and the experiment stations are endeavoring to answer free of cost for every farmer in their respective States. Not only does each State send its bulletins to all its citizens who ask, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture its bulletins supplementing or summarizing these, but the best methods and results wherever attained are reflected in our agricultural papers.

Go into the great markets anywhere, inspect the fine fruits and vegetables abundant on every hand and then inquire whence are these? Seek out the producer and you will find a man who promptly and emphatically will say "Yes, it does pay to treat the seed and spray the growing crops." Perfect fruits and vegetables were never so abundant as now nor so easily grown, yet in many farm homes these are forbidden luxuries or are of the most inferior qualities. Mildews, blights, smuts and rots have done their work unmolested, for suggested remedies are "too much trouble." The farmer (?) views his leafless dying trees and shrubs, the blighted vines and garden crops, harvests a little of the stunted, gnarled or scurfy products and then mournfully exclaims, "There is no longer any money in farming." And farming does not pay except for him who is willing to take the precau. tions necessary to ensure a full and almost certain crop of marketable pro-Then even potatoes may be ducts. made to pay one year with another.

character of his soil and the means of Among the diseases to which the improving it, the nature of his climate potato is subject the two most to be and the condition of his accessible mar-dreaded are the blight and the scab.

Spraying with bordeau mixture will given below has proven effective in pregreatly reduce or wholly prevent any damage by blight and the same operation may be made to do service as a check to insect ravages.

POTATO SCAB.

In considering this subject, let it be understood at the start that the scab is a disease, but that it is a preventable disease. The cause is a fungus which grows upon the potato tuber and draws its nourishment from it. Fungi are themselves plants of rather simple structure, but they lack the power of preparing their food, hence must live as paraventing the scab in a very high degree. Repeated experiments and thousands of tests in the field have given such good results that there is little more to be de-

The method of treatment is as follows:—Dissolve two ounces of corrosive sublimate (bichloride of mercury) in a gallon or two of warm water. When all is dissolved add cold water till you have fifteen gallons of the solution. Stir well. Make up in this proportion such an amount as may be needed for the seed to be treated. If the seed is dirty and soil



decomposing plant or animal bodies, into coarse gunny sacks. scabies Thaxter, attacks potatoes, beets and possibly other vegetables. The scabs and markings caused by it are too well known to need description. The appearance of such tubers. investigator, A. D. Hopkins, of the W. the larva of an insect which he names, may be, treating the seed in the manner vessels, a tub, barrel or hogshead, de-

sites upon other living objects or upon covered, first wash clean, then put it Place the This particular fungus called Oospora sacks in the solution leaving them for one and a half hours, after which pour the seed out to dry, cut and plant as usual.

Some precautions are necessary for accompanying figure will recall the corrosive sublimate is a violent poison. A recent Animals must be kept away from the treated seed as well as the solution. Virginia Experiment Station, believes Care must be taken in handling the seed some forms of the scab to be caused by not to get the solution into open sores on the hands. As it attacks metals the the Potato Scab Gnat. However that solution must be made up in wooden

pending upon the amount of seed to be treated. Sacks and vessels must either be destroyed or thoroughly cleansed.

This method of treatment has proven effective even where very scabby seed was used. But it must be remembered that to secure a crop of perfectly smooth tubers other sources of infection must be guarded against. It is known that the scab fungus will live in the soil from one year to another. Smooth potatoes need not be expected even from treated seed if planted where a crop of scabby potatoes was grown the year before, or even two or three years before. Another reason for rotating crops.

There are degrees of success in all undertakings and one should always, even in potato growing, seek the conditions of highest success. Among these conditions are the following: Select the variety adapted to your climate and season, having in mind their marketableness. Secure seed as free from scab as possible; then take all precautions, which includes treating the seed whether it be scabby or not; for it will be infected if it has been in contact with scabby potatoes in Select that plot of the sack or bin. ground which you believe free from the fungus and of the nature, which experi ence has shown, best adapted for potatoes. Now with proper culture the crop should be smooth and marketable.

Does it pay to treat the seed? Which is the more profitable, a given amount of labor and partial failure, or a little more labor and care with success? The labor is very little and the estimated cost is two cents per bushel of seed. One can afford to take some pains for the difference between an increased yield of marketable tubers at the best current prices and a decreased yield,

which, even after assorting, can scarcely sell at any price.

TOBACCO.

Much tobacco will no doubt be planted this year in this month, but we would say to our planters, "be not in too great a hurry, a week in the bed is equal to 3 weeks in the field." Wait, as it is early in the season, until the land has been thoroughly prepared and the manures used well incorporated and intermixed in the soil, and the plants have got good bunchy roots, then with a fair season every plant will live. Nevertheless it is true a small plant in May will take root better on being transplanted, than a large one will in June, when the ground is hot and the sun is scorching. Should the cut worm be feared, sow, just before scraping the land into hills, three or four bushels of salt per acre, it is said to be, and we think so, an effectual remedy against the cut-worm and it will help to fertilize the plants.

Do not send your last year's crop into market until it has been perfectly conditioned; take time to assort it properly so that all the samples from each hogshead will be uniform in length, color, andtexture; see yourself to the packing; much depends upon the orderly and smooth manner in which tobacco is Packing in the hogshead is packed. not to be done rapidly or slovenly, if you wish to get a decent sample, or make sale of it above the present ruling prices. Small crops well managed from the seed bed all the way to the markets, in all stages, pay better than large crops with careless attention to details; and above all do not spare expense in manuring the land heavily, and keeping the plants free from worms.

For the Maryland Farmer.

SCIENTIFIC FERTILIZATION.

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[Article No. 10 of a Series of Papers on this
Important Subject.]

Besides lime and potash in various combinations, nitrogen and phosphates, it has been found of but little avail to apply minerals to the soil as fertilizers. Nitrogen in a free or uncombined state constitutes about 4-5 of the atmosphere. Statements are constantly published which imply the belief that this free nitrogen of the atmosphere is capable of entering into the nutrition of plants, and does actually form a large portion of the natural food of the leguminous plants especially. It is not however proven that any element whatever, in its uncombined state, in any quantity whatever, under any circumstances whatever, is capable of entering into the nutrition of any plant whatever; nor indeed of any animal whatever. I need not, however, repeat here what I have already stated with regard to this point in a former paper.

It is important to note that there is a wide difference in the facility with which the nitrogen of different compounds enters into the nutrition of crops. Before any of the nitrogen of animal or vegetable substances becomes available to plants, it must first, through the decomposition of those substances, pass back to mineral compounds, as ammonia or nitric acid. Therefore the manurial value of any organic nitrogen compound is in direct proportion to the facility with which that particular substance undergoes decomposition, under exposure to the natural conditions with which it

is placed in contact in the soil in which the crop grows. Thus, dried blood, flesh dust, poudrette, urine, decompose rapidly and completely, and as is well known possess a high manurial value; whereas leather, horn, wool, decompose slowly and with difficulty, and their low manurial value is also well known. This fact constitutes the great opportunity of the dishonest manufacturer of fertilizers, and the stumbling block of the analyzing chemist.

The analytical process reduces all forms of combined nitrogen to ammonia by calcination with caustic alkali. analytical process does not indicate whether the ammonia it produces is derived from leather scraps, or fish scrap, horn shavings or dried blood, shoddy or raw bones. The analyst reports it all as ammonia or rather as nitrogen yielding ammonia to the analytical process, and he values at one and the same price the nitrogen from one and all sources. His report is false and misleading to that extent; that between the good and the bad, the worst and the best, he makes no distinction.

It is further evident that the rapidity of decomposition will be largely governed by the nature of the soil, both chemical and physical, and by the character of the season, and no less, moreover, by the diligence and thoroughness of the culture the crop receives.

It is clear beyond dispute that of several samples of fertilizers the chemist is very likely to place the highest value on that which costs least to make and is worth even less than it costs.

That much clumsy, false and foolish legislation rests on no more substantial basis than the data furnished by an analysis so incomplete and defective, is no way creditable to the intelligence of our legislative assemblies.

I know perfectly well the value of an analysis and the deductions based upon the data which it furnishes, for I understand perfectly all the details of the subject. Given an ammoniated superphosphate, composed of ground phosphate and sulphuric acid, and drier for the same with a complex ammoniate, composed of red and black dried blood, fish scrap, tankage, flesh dust, leather scraps, etc.: It is not within the power of science to isolate or identify the ingredients of the ammoniate, nor to ascertain the proportion of good, bad and indifferent; nor of costly and cheap. Hence no analysis can be made upon which a valuation can be based more trustworthy or accurate than the conjectures of the weather in an old-time almanac.

This fact is well known to all analysts and chemists. They know perfectly well that these pretended valuations are false and misleading, and unjust at once to manufacturers and users of fertilizers. Justice to themselves, fairness to all parties, demand the abandonment of this absurdity. When the analyst has ascertained and reported the amount of phosphoric acid soluble in water; the amount insoluble in water; the actual potash and the gross nitrogen yielding ammonia to the analytical process, he has reached the limit of his capacity for usefulness in the matter, and should pretend to nothing further. analysis the law can compel the manufacturer to guarantee, but can not compel him to disclose the nature and source of the raw materials he uses. Accordingly, if the law compel him to guarantee his analysis, it in effect compels his customer to accept the analysis, and upon the verification of it, to pay for the goods. But this legal status is wholly favorable to the views of the dishonest manufacturer, who under protection of the law, proceeds to procure materials for his ammoniate which analyze well, but are at the same time cheap and comparatively worthless.

In this country, and in this State especially, we have more law than enough; and when we consider how bad the quality of much of our law is, it becomes evident how grievous the excessive quantity must be: how costly and vexatious a clog it actually is upon the industries and business of our people. There are but a few States in the union so small as Maryland, but Maryland alone of all the States has a code so bulky that it requires three ponderous volumes to publish it. We hear much said about frightening away capital and immigration from our borders: but there is no more effectual scare crow against immigration and investment than the astonishing amount of law per capita it takes to govern their people.

To Prevent Smut in Grain Crops.

The common smut of grain crops is a minute plant consisting of white threads like those of mildew, which grow in plants, and generally concentrate in the seed heads. That of corn appears in every part of the plant, even in the roots, but mostly in the seed heads. The seed of the smut fungus consists of extremely minute black or brown balls, called spores, and, when this smut dries, it is carried off by the winds and spread far

and wide. But some of it lodges in a tuft of minute hairs at the end of the seeds of the grain, and thus, when the grain is sown, the smut is sown with it, and in this way is most effectively spread among the new crop. To prevent this the seed, whether wheat, oats, or corn, is steeped in a solution of four ounces of bluestone (sulphate of copper) in five gallons of hot water, and this, when cold, is used to steep the seed in. The smut spores are thus killed, and, of course, the danger of new smut is greatly reduced, as only that floating in the air will infect the crops. The seed is kept in the solution for a few minutes, then taken out, and drained and spread out to dry; it is then sown immediately. Or the wet seed may be mixed with some dry, air-slacked lime, which is a great help, and, thus dried, may be sown at once, either by hand or by a drill.

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THE NURSERY BUSINESS.

All of this business has its foundation start in the nursery row of seedlings, dormant buds, root grafts, cuttings or layers of the more than five thousand commercial nurseries of our country, more than seventy per cent. of which have been established within the last twenty years, and practically all of them with the present century. The census of 1890 shows us that there was in the United States five years ago 4,510 nurseries, valued at \$11,978,835.80 and occupying 172,806 acres of land, with an invested capital of \$52,425,659.50, and giving employment to 45,657 men, 2,-279 women, and 14,200 animals, using in the propagation and cultivation of trees and plants \$990,000.04 worth of implements. Of the acreage in nurseries 95,025.42 were found to be used in growing trees, plants, shrubs, and vines of all ages; and the figures, based upon the best estimate of the nurserymen, make the grand total of plants and trees 3,386,855,778, of which 518,015,612 are fruit trees, 685,603,396 grapevines and small fruits, and the balance nut, deciduous, and evergreen trees, hardy shrubs and roses. The largest acreage is devoted to the production of apple trees, viz: 20,232.75 acres, numbering 240,570,666 young trees, giving an average of 11,-890 per acre, while the plum, pear, and peach have, respectively, 7,826.5, 6,854.-25, and 3,357 acres, producing 88,494,-367, 87,213,402, and 49,887,894 young trees, or an average of 11,307, 11,266 and 14,861 trees to the acre.

The ratio of increase during the past five years has probably not been as great as in the previous five, but it is safe to estimate at the present time that the value of our nurseries is not below \$60,000,000, and probably far exceeds this sum.—J. H. Hale, in the Florist Exchange.

A NEW SOURCE OF BUTTER.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 12 (Special). The College of Agriculture of Cornell University has made a discovery of great practical value to dairymen, enabling products in cheese making which have hitherto been thrown away to be utilized. The fact that the whey, waste product in cheese making, contained butter fats, has been known for some time. The discovery made here in the department of dairy husbandry is a method by which the butter fats in whey can be extracted and used in making butter. The pro-

cess involves the use of the separator already employed in butter making. It is found that the fats in whey make excellent butter, fully equalling butter made from pure milk.

It is declared that the savings which will result from the discovery will be enough to reimburse cheese makers for the expense of manufacture—in other words, it will save the dairy interests of New York State about \$1,000,000 every year. A bulletin will soon be issued by the Cornell Agricultural Experiment Station describing the new process.

Congressmen Sell Government Seeds,

A new abuse of the free seed privilege will be exposed in Secretary Morton's annual report. One member of the House of Representatives is reported to have sold his entire quota of seeds for \$75. The full quota of seeds fornished a member of congress by the department consists on an average of 1400 packages of flower seeds, 15000 vegetable and 82 qts of field seeds, grasses, etc. The total cost of the quota to the department is between \$225 and \$245.

HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION.

The Baltimore Horse Show Association of Baltimore City has been incorporated. Capital stock \$200,000 of \$25,00 each.

The corporation is formed "for the purpose of acquiring property and erect ing buildings for the purpose of holding fairs, conventions, theatrical purposes, agricultural and horticultural shows, and exhibitions of all kinds; for leasing and renting said buildings to corpora-

tions and individuals; for buying, exhibiting, selling and exchanging horses, vehicles and harness; for the encouragement and development of public interest in horses and the breeding of the same, and the advancement of all interests pertaining thereto."

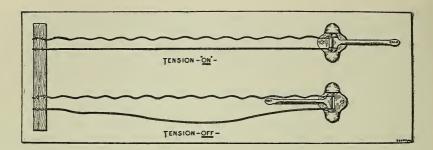
The corporation is to be managed by a board of 12 directors. The following will compose the board for the first year:

Messrs. Alexander Brown. Walter B. Brooks, Jr., Clapham Pennington, Samuel C. George, Orlando E. Robinson, Henry A. Parr, Gaun M. Hutton, Samuel M. Shoemaker, Edward A. Jackson, William M. Manly, Frank H. Hambleton and Edward B. Bruce.

Cast of a Gigantic Egg.

One of the most interesting specimens in the National Museum at Washington is a cast of an egg of most gigantic size, which was found in a guano bed on the Island of Madagascar about twenty five years ago. The shell of this egg will hold almost two gallons of liquid, which would make its capacity equal to 148 average-sized eggs laid by the common barnyard fowl. The bird which laid this mammoth egg is now extinct, and has been for probably 200 years.

To the scientist—who knows it by its bones and eggs—it is known as the epiornis, and its restored skeleton proves it to have been a bird at least twelve feet in height. Arab sailors who visited Madagascar centuries ago, when the epiornis was still living, are believed to have brought back the stories concerning it which finally developed into the fabulous narratives of the roc.—New Orleans Picayune.



A New Talking Machine.

It differs from the Phonograph in this: The latter only repeats what is said to it, while this machine takes both sides of the argument and will convince the inquirer in a moment that there is but one safe way to build wire fence, namely, to recognize and provide for contraction and expansion, and one interview will generally satisfy him that the continuous coiled steel spring is the only practical method yet discovered. The cut was made from a photograph of two machines, the upper one shows the coiled wire and the straight wire stretched exactly alike, as they would appear in a new fence, in the other, the lever is thrown back loosening both wires, preeisely the same, and it shows how little the Coiled Spring is effected, while the straight wire is rendered entirely useless for fence purposes. While in practice these changes will not occur so suddenly they are none the less certain whenever there are changes in temperature, or animals crowd or run into the fence.

The mission of this little instrument is simply to introduce the subject and call the attention of those who need fence to the Page Woven Wire, which is built on this identical plan, and is the only elastic fence offered. The real fence also has the knack of "speaking,

for itself," delivering lectures on "The Advantages of Self-Government," "Attention to Business," Keeping Everlastingly at it," etc. Write the Page Woven Wire Fence Go, Adrian, Mich., and learn all about it.

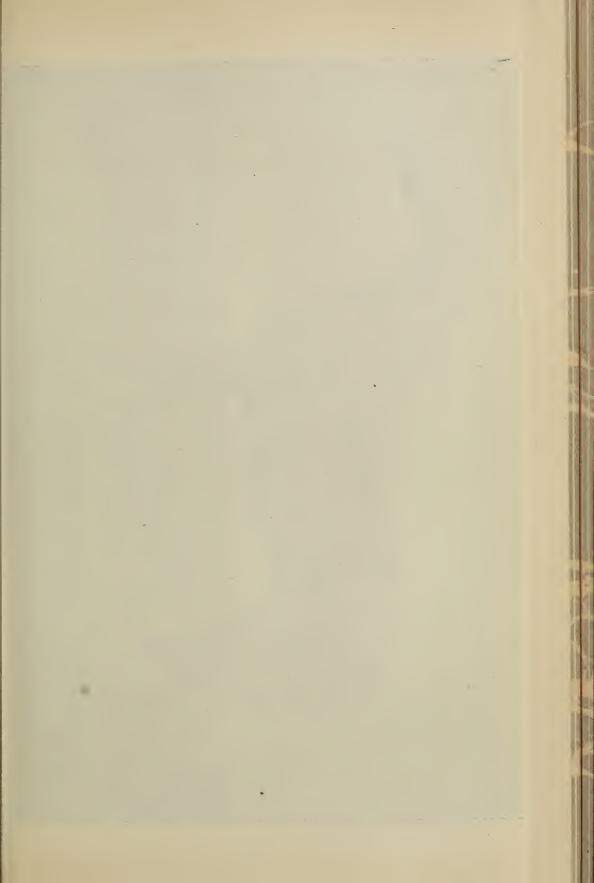
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NO GRADES.

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One of the most essential items in breeding to improve the stock on the farm is to never use only full blooded males. We can commence with care fully selected common dams and mate to a full blood sire; take the best of the dams of their grades and breed to a full blood; and by following up this plan make a very decided improvement in the quality of the stock. But whenever a grade sire of any kind is used in breeding it is a long step backward.

One error that the beginners often make is, that of using a grade sire. If a full blood sire of some one of the better breeds of stock is secured a right start is made towards the improvement of the stock; but the first grades are so much better than the scrubs, and with the better treatment usually accorded, make so much better growth, that the owner selects one of the best sires to use as a breeding animal, and in this makes a



OWNED BY THEO, CUYLOR PATPERSON, OFFISING' HELL! PERCADERPRES. P.A. SON OF GEN'L, GRANT'S ARABLAN HORSE "O'LEOPARD,"

ABDUL HAMID II.

serious mistake, as he undoes all of the good he has done.

Of course in breeding, blood or pedigree is not everything; there must be in addition individual excellence in the animal; but good blood is an important factor, and when combined with individual excellence, makes a good breeding animal. The one is the complement of the other. The grade animal may possess individual excellence, be a fine looking animal in every way, and possess many of the characteristics of the breed of which he is a grade, and yet if he is only a grade, instead of improving his offspring, they will in nearly all cases prove inferior.

No matter how well the animal may appear, the only safe rule is to be sure of his blood. One of the chief values of a pedigree is the evidence it furnishes of the purity of the blood of the animal it represents. But in addition to pure blood the sire must possess individual merit to an extent that he is able to transmit his good qualities to his offspring, otherwise he should not be used as a breeding sire.

For the Marvland Farmer.

ABDUL HAMID II.

Abdul Hamid II, the property of Mr. Theo. Cuyler Patterson, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, is kept at the famous Erdenheim Farm, the birthplace of Iroquois (winner of the English Derby), Parole, Sensation, Girofle and many other sons and daughters of imported Leamington, who lies buried beside Flora Temple near by the stable.

Abdul Hamid II is a son of Gen'l Grant's Arabian horse, Leopard, presented to the General by Abdul Hamid II, Sultan of Turkey. The dam of this horse is Mary Shepard, a daughter of Jack Shepard, one of the best sons of Henry Clay. In color he is a rich chestnut sorrel of superb style and conformation and stands 15 hands and one half inch in height.

While on a visit to the World's Fair in 1893, Captain Ismailoff and Count D'Haumiere, (Chiefs respectively of the Russian and French Government Studs) inspected the horses of Mr. Kandolph Huntington at his place on Long Island and on examining Abdul Hamid II, pronounced him to be the best specimen of the Arab bred horses which they had seen.

The horse was unfortunately not sent to the World's Fair, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Huntington (his then owner), but Fez and Keturah, a son and daughter of Abdul Hamid II, on being exhibited at Chicago, both won first prizes in their respective classes.

Abdul Hamid II has, however, been publicly exhibited four times and has always won the first prize, having never been defeated. He was first shown by Mr. Huntington at the International Fair at Buffalo, in 1889, and in 1893 he appeared at Durland's Show in New York. In 1894 he was exhibited by Mr. Patterson at the Baltimore Horse Show and at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden in New York City. At the former exhibition he was awarded a champion ribbon, while at the latter he was first in a class in which such horses as Islam, Hegira and others contested, and the sub-class for colts was won by a grandson of Abdul Hamid the winner of the higher class.

The Rider and Driver of New York-

a recognized authority-said :- Abdul Hamid II is without doubt one of the most beautiful horses ever foaled and a model which artists and sculptors the world over are searching for. Before many years this magnificent horse will become as celebrated and will rank as high in the estimation of American horse breeders as did the famous Godolphin Arabian in England. Abdul Hamid's expression, his kind yet fearless outlook, superb crest, exquisite finish and elastic gait must win him friends at every turn. A strong infusion of Arabian blood will be highly beneficial to that of the colder strains in the stock about the country and there will certainly result an immediate improvement in the heads and necks, heart and endurance wherever the blood of Abdul Hamid is presented."

The horse has never been trained but he trotted a mile, when but two years old—before the days of bicycle sulkies—in 2.52, and he has since repeatedly shown quarters at a 2.30 gait. He has always been and is now in daily use on the road and is perfectly kind and fearless.

Being interbred to imported Messenger he is a desendent, through many crosses, of the Byerley Turk, Darley and Godolphin, Arabians. As a sire he is most impressive; his get being generally chestnut or bay in color and inheriting the beauty, speed, endurance and good temper for which the horse himself is celebrated.

The Mount Vernon Mills at Wood berry have received a second contract for canvas duck for tents for the Japanese army; 54,000 yards is the amount of this order. Maryland duck is famous the world over.

FERMILIZERS.

CONDUCTED BY H. J. PATTERSON, Of the Maryland Ag'l. Experiment Station. Contributions and Queries Invited from all Sources.

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THE USE OF LIME IN AGRICULTURE. I

Note:—It is proposed to consider this subject in several of its different phases, and as it would require too much space in any one issue the subject will be taken up in parts.

Kinds and Characteristics of Lime and Limestone.

Although lime was probably the first material used on land to increase its fertility, the nature of its action on soils has been but slightly studied and is not yet fully understood. Almost every one recognizes the fact that there is a great difference in the action of lime on soils of different character. And there is a difference between the action of limes of different character on the same soil, although this is a point seldom noticed. But it is a fact that the character of lime has much to do with the success or failure of its application, and it will be necessary to study the question from this standpoint in order to get at the true facts of its action.

The term lime is generally understood to mean quick lime or calcium oxide (CaO). This is produced by burning limestone in kilns with coal. By the process of burning the limestone or calcium (lime) carbonate undergoes decomposition, carbonic acid (CO2) being thrown off, and quick lime (Calcium Oxide, CaO) remains in the kiln.

It is common to hear the terms "agricultural lime" and "building lime" used, as if these were different articles.

In reality no such difference exists—they are simply trade terms—for the same lime is used indiscriminately for these two different purposes. Sometimes, however, the name "agricultural lime" is used to mean building lime that has been air or water slaked, and again it refers to the quality of the stone from which it was derived; if it were always thus used the term would have a distinct meaning.

According to the nature of the limestone, the lime will turn out (a) a fat or rich lime, (b) a poor lime, or (c) an hydraulic lime. If limestone consists simply of pure carbonate of lime, then the lime obtained therefrom will slake readily, forming a creamy mixture with water and is called fat or rich lime. the other hand if the limstone contains magnesia, it slakes more slowly, forming a thin, poor mixture with water, and is called a poor lime; with ten per cent. of magnesia a lime is poor, and with 25 to 30 per cent. it is almost useless. If the limestone contains more than 10 per cent. of silica, the lime therefrom will have the quality of forming a paste which will harden under water or in moist places where it is not exposed to the drying influence of the air; such lime is known as hydraulic lime. very reasonable to suppose that these various limes act differently on the same soil or soils of different character and much in the same manner as they do in forming mortars and cement.

Limestone.—Good limestone contains 50 to 55 per cent. lime (CaO) and 40 to 45 per cent. carbonic acid (CO₂), or 90 to 98 per cent. calcium (lime) carbonate, with small amounts of magnesia, silica, iron and alumina.

Magnesium Limestones or Dolomites.

—These are quite varied in their composition and may range in carbonate of lime from 10 to 60 per cent., with ad mixtures of silica, iron and alumina.

Oyster Shells.—These contain from 85 to 90 per cent. of calcium (lime) carbonate.

Gas Lime.—The lime from gas works is often used on land and compared with quick lime. Quick lime is used at the works for removing impurities of the After it has become saturated gas. with the impurities and no longer fit for use in gas-making, it is sold for agricultural purposes under the name of gas lime. This article varies considerably in composition, but consists essentially of the hydrate, carbonate, sulphate and sulphites of lime. The sulphides and sulphites of lime are injurious to germinating seed or young and tender plants, so that gas lime should be applied cautionsly and when not too fresb. action of the air on the sulphides and sulphites change them to sulphate of lime (gypsum or land plaster); hence, the exposure of gas lime to the weather, for some time, improves its agricultural Gas lime usually contains qualities. about 22 per cent. of water, 43 per cent. lime (CaO), 21 per cent sulphuric acid, 8 per cent. magnesia and 6 per cent. insoluble matter. Of course this will vary considerably according to the character of the lime used and the amount and nature of the impurities.

Slaked Lime.—In the progress of slaking lime, it takes up water and forms calcium or lime hydrate. It also absorbs some carbonic acid from the air and forms carbonate of lime. If different samples of stone lime or slaked lime are

in equally good condition, they may be thus compared:

	Weight		No.	We	ight
	per bus.		of bus.	per bu.	
	before		after	after	
Kind of Lime.	slak	ing.	slaked.	sla	ked.
Good stone-lime	93,	lbs.	3,	45	lbs.
Magnesian) stone-lime.	80	6 %.	2	55	44
Oyster shell-lime.	60	66	21/4	40	٠.
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VANSVILLE FARMERS' CLUB.

The last regular meeting of the Vansville Farmers' Club was held at the residence of Saml. W. Beall, Esq., near Beltsville, Md., on Saturday, April 6th, 1895.

All the members were present. The Inspection Committee made a favorable report upon the host's premises, particularly commending a well selected young orchard of apple, pear, and peach trees.

An invitation was received and accepted from the "Elkridge Farmers' Club, of Howard County" to visit them at their next meeting.

An invitation was also received and accepted from President R. W. Silvester, of the Maryland Agricultural College, for the Club to hold its next meeting at the College on Saturday, May 4, 1895.

Col. Wm. S. Powell, from the special committee on the subject of R. R. facilities for marketing truck crops in Baltimore and Washington, reported progress, and expressed the hope that in a short time the R. R. Co. would establish a special freight train which would deliver such crops in either city, in time for the early markets, and asked that the committee be continued. So ordered.

The discussion of the regular question, being the Advisability of a Stringent Dog Law for the protection of the Sheep, it was the general sentiment that such a law was needed, and that its strict enforcement would be productive of much good.

After the transaction of routine busi-

ness, the Club adjourned to meet at the Agricultural College on Saturday, May 4, 1895 at 2 P. M. The subject for discussion being "Co-operation between Scientific and practical Agriculture."

GEO. E. LOWEREE. Secy.

For The Maryland Farmer.

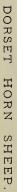
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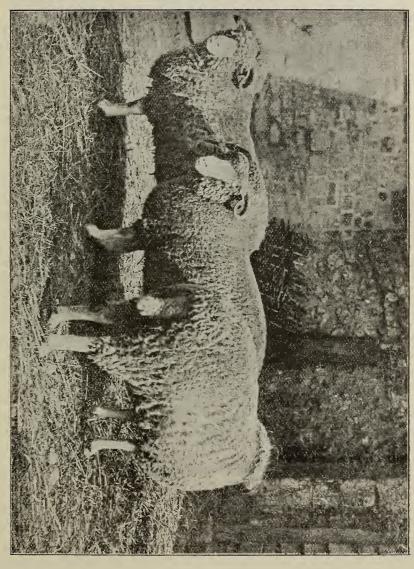
BY GALLOWAY CHESTON.
The Cottage Farm, Harwood, Md.

In writing this short article on the "Dorset Horn Sheep," I simply wish to bring this grand breed before the readers of your excellent journal. These sheep, though only recently brought to this country from England, (some seven or eight years ago), owing to their excellent qualities which I will mention hereafter, have steadily grown in favor and great demand through the North and West; and I thoroughly believe from my own experience with them and what I can learn, they are the very sheep for our climate. They are excellent foragers keeping in fine condition on comparatively lean pastures through the summer, and seem to stand the heat remarkably well; and the winters of the Southern States being very similar to the climate of southern England where the Dorset Sheep have their home. They are very prolific, much oftener breeding twins than single lambs and very frequently triplets. The ewes are excellent mothers, great milkers, very docile, but always on the alert to defend their lambs.

The natural instinct of the breed seems to be perfectly docile, though fearless of everything, and really claimed to be "dog proof."

I have frequently seen strange dogs in the pastures with my own flock and





never saw them run from them; on the contrary always going towards them as if they meant business.

From their general make up, and their predisposition to take on flesh, except while milking, I should think they would make most excellent mutton, and it is claimed to be very similar in flavor to the Southdown.

I can speak from experience about the lambs:-I never saw lambs groom off more quickly being very compact and heavy. I am confident for early marketable lambs, they are the sheep for us and the more southern States; and I believe the cross of a Dorset Horn ram with good common or grade ewes will make excellent early lambs and fine quality mutton-the latter growing very much more in demand in our country. Their general appearance and make up are, broad full chest, brisket well forward, broad straight back, with well sprung ribs, heavy square quarters, short strong legs well apart, legs white, small light colored hoofs, head small, face white, nose and lips pink and nostrils well open, horns neat and curving forward, good foretop and well covered on belly and legs, wool of good quality, medium length and weight, clipping on an average of 7 to 8 lbs.

Extracts from different papers:

The Dorset is making a steady advance in public esteem. It is an excellent breed.— Farmers' Voice.

The Dorset sheep are very prolific and with their horns defend themselves successfully against dogs.—Indiana Farmer.

There is a good demand in the southern cities for lambs, and there can be no question of the value of the Dorset

breed for this purpose. The Dorset ewes bring lambs twice in the year, and have been bred in a warm climate.—

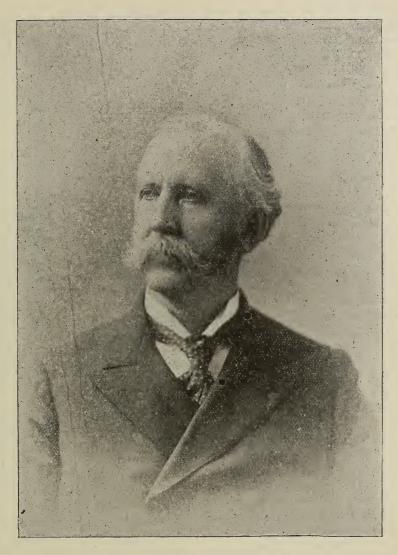
American Agriculturist.

The Dorset Horn continues to grow more and more in favor with flock masters; the fact that two crops of lambs a year are raised from them, has undoubtedly had much to do in furthering their dissemination. They are giving satisfaction wherever tried both as a fleece bearing and a mutton making sheep.—

Breeders Gazette.

The Dorset Horn mutton is fine grained and well flavored, being much like The Dorsets are the most . Southdown. prolific breed of sheep yet known. They will have lambs twice a year, although the period between the dropping of one lamb and the conception of the second can only be 5 weeks, and very seldom have less than two and frequently three at a birth. Nor do they seem to lose any of their wonderful fecundity when transferred to other climates. Their principal distinction and value, however, is the forwardness of the ewes, which take the ram at a much earlier period of the year than any other breed, and thus supply the market with lambs at times when it fetches the highest price. rapidity with which the lambs of this breed mature is wonderful. 60 days old often weigh 50 to 60 lbs. and indeed, it is another argument in their favor that no better sheep than the Dorset can be had for crossing purposes. -Dublin Farmers Gazette.

Did you ever try making an ornamental hedge of sweet peas? Try it once, and we feel sure that you will be pleased.



MAJOR. FRED BRACKETT.
GENERAL MANAGER, BALTIMORE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION 1897.

MAJOR FRED BRACKETT.

In consideration of the noble work which Major Brackett has thus far accomplished in behalf of the Baltimore

Centennial Exposition of 1897, and the acceptable plans he has now in hand to make it known at home and abroad, we have thought it would be pleasant for

our readers to become acquainted with him by portrait, and have had the above engraved especially for our columns, direct from his latest photograph.

Major Fred Brackett, Acting General Manager, was born in Weston, Maine, November 20, 1840. On April 30, 1861, enlisted as a Private in the Union Army, After his discharge received an appointment in the War Department, and was made Chief of Division in the Quarter. master General's office. Resigned in 1866 and went to Minneapolis, Minneso ta, where he engaged with W. D. Washburn (now Senator from Minnesota) as Book keeper. In 1867 was appointed Chief Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. In 1870 obtained a contract for grading a section of the Northern Pacific Kailroad.

Engaged in mercantile pursuits from 1871 to 1877, when he received an appointment in the General Land Office, where he remained until 1883, when he resigned and entered into practice of Land Law, representing for several years prominent Western Land Grant Rail-roads.

In 1889 was appointed by Secretary Windom as Chief Clerk and Superintendent of the U.S. Treasury Department. In 1891 was sent abroad as special agent of the Treasury and Commissioner for World's Columbian Exposition for England, France, Spain and Portugal. Remained in Europe eight months and was instrumental in securing Spanish and French exhibits. Returning in May 1892 was ordered to Chicago and became a member of the Director General's Staff, being charged with the duty of accepting as exhibits all foreign merchandise properly coming within

the classification provided. At the close of the World's Fair he took charge of the exhibits of Russia, exporting 110 car loads via Baltimore and New York. He has had considerable experience as an executive officer in various public enterprises. His work in connection with our Exposition for 1897 is well known.

THE EXPOSITION 1897.

We were favored with the privilege of being present at the initiatory exercises confirming the choice of Clifton as the site of the Centennial Exposition in 1897. To one unaccustomed to the measuring of crowds, the vast concourse would have been considered simply immense; but the best calculations have made it from 30,000 to 40,000. It was wholly impossible that the speakers should be heard by more than a small fraction of the great concourse. entire proceedings, as well as the attendance, were causes of satisfaction and congratulation to the Association which has the Exposition in charge.

Since this great popular gathering, the feeling has been that the Exposition was bound to be a great popular success. But upon asking the aid of the city, some prominent capitalists have thought it their duty to oppose any aid from the city and have made a public protest to that effect. It is, however, so very plain, that the masses of our citizens are thoroughly in favor of carrying forward the work, and are furthermore anxious that Baltimore should contribute her full share towards its success, that we cannot doubt that the city fathers will conform to their wishes rather than to those of the few, who would rather save a dollar themselves, than have the hundreds of thousands benefitted by the years to come, seemingly unmindful of millions of dollars which will be spent here during the Exposition.

We regard this Exposition as the one thing needed by Baltimore and the State of Maryland to make their advantages known to the outside world. the delightful climate of our State is enticing immigrants from various parts of our own country as well as from the old world; but this is only a "drop in the bucket" compared with what must eventually come to us, when this Exposition has fully advertised us.

To farmers we believe it can be made a great and grand opportunity for a more perfect education in prosperous methods of work. Not only will it be the means of waking our farmers to the best science in agriculture; but it will give them a wide knowledge of what the world needs, which they can profitably supply. hope the farmers of Maryland will not be backward in espousing the cause of the Exposition, and will begin now to prepare in a thorough manner to show to the people who shall assemble here, the extent and varied character of Maryland's productions. It is important that some of the very best and most enterprising agriculturists should be placed on the committees who shall have in charge the agricultural exhibits, and who shall infuse a spirit of energy among the people of the State to give to the world the most perfect exposition possible of its products, and to show its possibilities in every direction for supplying the best in every department belonging to farm

We hope no one will be influenced by tle littleness of soul, which, to save a few cents in taxes, is willing to sacrifice the prosperity of the entire State for

the vast amount of material good which is sure to grow out of this Exposition.

The "Great Success" Jr. Potato Digger.

The cut on page 20 shows the "Success" Jr., Potato Digger in action, and it is doubtful if so great a labor saving piece of machinery has ever before been placed upon the market at so small a cost to the purchaser, and practically crowns with success the many years of persistent effort of the inventor to produce a tool that would combine greatest merit with lowest cost. It is so constructed as to admit of great ease and variety of adjustment. making it easily adaptable to all kinds of soil and conditions of culture and is so low in price as to afford every farmer the opportunity and advantage of possessing his own potato digger. It is built by D. Y. Hallock & Son, of York Pa.

The Road which inaugurates its fifth year with the issue of the 1st prox.. will be still further permanently enlarged, and will present many new and valuable features. Our contemporary will shortly publish, by special request, a full-page plate of the King of Italy and suite hunting; the famous picture by the great Italian Court artist. C. Blass, in the possession of His Majesty, having been specially photographed for The Road. Our contemporary numbers among its subscribers nearly every crowned head in Europe,

The Wise Spider.

The spider wove his filmy web Across an open door, Through which a merchant found his way Into and out his store.

"Don't weave your web across the door." A bee was heard to say, "Because before you've got it done,

'Twill all be swept away."

"I guess I know what I'm about." Replied the spider wise;

"I know the man who owns this shop: He doesn't advertise."

Baltimore Business Directory.

ACCOUNTANT. Expert Accountant. Wm. F. Rogers, 323 N. Charles St.

Agricultural Implements, Seeds, etc. Griffith & Lytle, 516 Ensor Street.

Ag'l Implements, Fertilizers. Roloson Bros., 1900 to 1910 Frederick Ave.

Attorney at Law, Broker in Business Opportunities Attorney at Law, G.W. Hume Claig, 319 Law B'ld'g

Auctioneers & Commis'n Mer's, Merryman & Pat-

Baltimore Transfer Co., 205 E. Baltimore St., Passenger, Baggage & Freight

Brunswick Cafe. Rooms for Gentlemen. 526 N. Calvert Street.

Business College School of Shorthand. Typewriting. C. E. Barnett, 102 N. Charles

Barber's Supplies. M. Trego & Co., 415 E. Baltimore

Farmer Publishing Co. Fine Printing, 213 N. Calvert St.

Farm Supply Co. S. Luther Lamberd, See'y & Sup't. Agr'l Imp., Seeds. 114 Light St.

Grain Drills. Empire Drill Company, W. H. Brown, Manager. 404 S. Eutaw Street.

Grain Prills. Bickford & Huffman Co., B. G. Thomas, Mgr., 408 S. Eutaw St.

Carriage & Wagon W'ks. Peters Carriage & Wagon Wks. Wk's, 2001 Frederick Ave.

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Carpenters & Builders.

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14 N. Green Street.

Chemicals & Fertilizers, R.J. Hollingsworth, M'frs' 102 S. Charles St.

Mass. Benefit Ass'n, P. L. Perkins, General Agent, Fidelity Building.

Engineers & Machinists. C. L. Gwinn & Co., 709 E. Fayette Street,

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Plumber and Gas Fitter. J. H. Pumphrey. 1504 W. Batt more St.

Plummer and Gas Fitter, 100 Clay St., cor. Liberty.

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Real Estate. L. G. & E.W. Turner, 26 E. Fayette St. Suburban property & town colonies.

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Veterinarian. Stuart E. Paulet, M. D. C., Railroad Hotel, Catonsville, Md.

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PHASES OF THE MOON.

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First Quar. 1 10 44.0 p.m | New Moon 24 7 46.2 a.m.
Full Moon 8 6 58.9 p.m First Quar. 31 3 48.4 a.m.
Last Quar. 16 12 43.9 p.m.|Apo2ee 16 3 p.m.
Perigee 4 5 a.m. Perigee 29 5 a.m.

FESTIVALS.

Rogation Sunday
Ascension Day
Decoration Day

May 19. May 23. May 30.

SCARCITY OF BEEF.

State grown beef commands better prices than can be obtained for Western beef; and now that the scarcity of Western beef is pronounced, it is a duty we owe to the farmers of Maryland to recall olden times in reference to the beef industry. It is not so long ago that no part of our country could compete with Maryland in the quality of her Shorthorns. They were sought at the highest prices by farmers in all parts of the Union, and it was a common thing to record the shipment of the finest bulls and cows of this beef breed in large numbers at high prices.

We are not satisfied that that era should be confined to the past; and now,

that beef again takes the upward tendency, the farmers of Maryland should be alert to prove that our soil and pasturage has not forgotten its old cunning; but can perfect as fine specimens of beef cattle as was ever seen.

We have now in mind parties who have raised Shorthorns, and still rejoice in them; parties who have magnificent specimens of the Dutch Belted Cattle, unsurpassed anywhere; parties who are only awaiting to add to their herds the Angus Steers as the outlook for good beef brightens. We would urge our farmers to make no delay in this direction.

We need hardly remind them that the farms largely interested in beef raising have always been the richest farms in our country. The manure from cattle seems especially adapted to bring out the latent energies of the soil. The apparently barren soil, under analysis, gives to the acre about 6000 lbs. of nitrogen, an equal amount of phosphoric acid, and about 25,000 lbs. of potash, in the first 16 inches of depth. This manure from stock seems to be just what is needed

to render this reserve of richness available for crops. It does away with the expenditure of large sums of money, for the homeopathic doses which science tells us are needed to fertilize our fields.

The scarcity of beef means, then, not only a profit in money by the raising of cattle; but it means vastly richer farms; saving of millions of dollars for nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash; better contented farmers, happier farmers' families and general prosperity wherever the farmer goes with his ready cash and ever open hand.

Word comes to us that the supply of beef cattle in western markets is 270,000 short of last year, and that the prospect is not assuring that it will not greatly decrease for some years to come; so that beef will become a luxury, if eastern farmers neglect to provide it. We further hear that this shortage is real-not a mere rumor gotten up by a combine, or a "cornering" of the market. great houses of the West pay the extra prices for their supply and yet in every case report the shortage. Take this fact then as the basis for your action, and it will prove of great advantage to you for years to come.

SPRAYING.

The season of spraying of fruit trees is present with us. Many trials have settled the fact that the very best results are brought about by liberal spraying. The fruit of a single season will well repay for all expense and labor which may be incurred.

One item, however, should be carefully remembered—never to spray when the insecticides.

trees are in blossom. Before the buds expand sufficiently to receive within them any of the poison there may be a preliminary spraying to some advantage; then after the petals have fallen, and the fruit has formed, should be the principal work. The insect will avoid the trees, or, if by any chance the eggs are al ready laid, the first touch of the larva is

A strong protest has been made by bee keepers, who have suffered very seriously, against the spraying of trees when in blossom; for it is the destruction of friends rather than enemies. needed to carry the pollen to trees to insure the best fruitage, and no harm is done in being careful to keep the poison out of the blossoms.

Should the spraying be followed by a rain, it will be advisable to repeat the work, to insure freedom from the insect attacks; but the actual expense is so small that this repetition will add but little to the aggregate cost.

In using the popular spraying arsenites care must be observed to keep the fluid agitated so that they will not settle to the bottom of the barrell, and that the person operating it should be always on the windward side of the sprayer. For the same reason it is well that animals should be kept out of the orchard until the spraying season has passed and a good drenching rain has cleansed the trees, the grass and any food plants which may be on the grounds.

Many improved sprayers are on the market and several have been in our advertising columns during the past season. They are always accompanied by instructions for making and using the

ARGENTINA'S WHEAT CROP AND FURTHER PROSPECTS.

The Vice Consul of the United Kingdom of Argentina has submitted a report to the British Foreign Office, in which he estimates that only five per cent of the Argentina area suitable for the growth of cereals is now under cultivation. In 1894 the output of wheat in Argentina was 80,000,000 bushels as against 32,000,000 bushels in 1891, and the sale of nearly 60,000,000 bushels of this wheat in Europe last year, at the exceedingly low prices at which it was sold, exerted a very marked influence upon the selling price of the entire world's wheat crop. Surely with these astonishing figures, and the low per centage of area under cultivation in Argentina at the present time must create a depressing effect upon wheat growing as a profitable crop in our country.

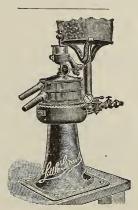
The beautiful cut of Dorset Horn Sheep appearing in this number has come to us from the enterprising Secretary of the D. H. Sheep Association, Mr. M. A. Cooper, Washington, Pa. It will be welcomed by our subscribers as a picture of the present "booming" breed of sheep.

BOOKS, CATALOGUES, Etc.

We have received a very neatly printed and illustrated book from the German Kali Works, New York, showing the nature of the fertilizers believed to be needed on the various crops for field and garden products. It is of handy size for the farmer's pocket, and will be sent free if you mention the Maryland Farmer.

A hand Book of Louisiana, giving a general description of the character, resources, fertility and healthfulness of

that State, and is just the work which should be in the hands of those looking to the South for a home. Free on addressing State Immigration Association, New Orleans, La.



Cream Separators.

There is a cause for money making in butter now, and that cause can be found in the Cream Separator manufactured by P. M. Sharples, of West Chester, Pa., and Elgin, Ill. Mr. Sharples is the pioneer in this business in America and machines manufactured by him dot all sections of the country. He has issued a handsomely illustrated magazine on the subject which he will send free of charge to anyone writing for it.

Money in

Vacuum Leather Oil for your harness and shoes. Get a can at a harness- or shoe-store, 25c a half-pint to \$1.25 a gallon; book "How to Take Care of Leather," and swob, both free; u e enough to find out; if you don't like it, take the can back and get the whole of your money.

Sold only in cans, to make sure of fair dealing everywhere—handy cans. Best oil for farm machinery also. If you can't find it, write to

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For the Maryland Farmer.

EXPOSITION ITEMS. Baltimore's Great Centennial of 1897.

Mayor Latrobe's address at Clifton was given in his usual forcible style, and was a stirring plea for the success of the Exposition. It was in fact the key note for the occasion.

The address of Rev. Mr. Campbell at Clifton was remarkable for its allusions to the past history of Baltimore, and abounded in items of interest.

The address of Attorney General Poe was beautifully written, full of flowery language, and in all respects satisfactory.

The impromptu remarks of Washington's President of the Board of Trade, was full of witty sayings, which created both laughter and applause. His hits upon the times and especially in connection with Mayor Latrobe "brought down the house."

The Baltimore Centennial Association has asked of the city an appropriation of \$500,000 to be expended for Stock of the Association. It would help the Exposition in its development and would be of large benefit to the city.

The work on the Exposition is now well organized, and every day sees a degree of progress which promises success.

We give a picture in the present number of Major Fred Brackett, Gen'l Manager, and a short sketch of his career up to the present. It will be a very interesting item for distribution.

Some "old fogies" have thought to stop the progress of the Exposition by protests to the city council; but we wonder if they have ever tried to stop a cannon ball that seemed to be running slowly past them.

Clifton Park seems to have become a great centre of attraction. Thousands of citizens visit it daily and on Sundays it is thronged by families who spend the day amid its beautiful trees. Already the different city electric roads are striving to see which line shall first reach the coveted goal.

For the Maryland Farmer.

ATLANTA EXPOSITION NOTES. Opens September 18, Closes December 31, 1895,

The Art Department promises to be the

most notable one that has been shown in America. It will not be too large to be properly seen and the variety of exhibits will possibly excel any exhibition that has yet been attempted.

Cotton picking begins in Egypt in September, and it is proposed to have some of the first part of the crop prepared and shipped immediately. This will reach Atlanta in October and can be installed almost at the beginning of the Exposition.

The list of State exhibits at the Cotton States and International Exposition has received some notable accessions in the First of these was New last few days. York, where Governor Morton, by message, brought the matter to the attention of the Legislature. Communications from members of that body indicate that the matter will be pushed, and the appropriation speedily put through. Governor of Massachusetts followed with a message to the Legislature, urging provision for an exhibit, and advices from that State indicate that the Governor's suggestion will be adopted. Pennsylvania followed, on Wednesday, with a resolutlon, which unanimously passed the Senate, and is likely to be unanimously passed by the House, providing for an elaborate exhibit.

At the suggestion of Mr.S. M. Inman, the head of the great cotton house of S. M. Inman & Co., the United States Government will make an exhibit of original packages of cotton from all parts of the world.

Mr. William Merritt Chase. President of the Society of American Artists, will make and extensive exhibit of paintings in oil and pastel, at the Cotton States and International Exposition.

A number of trains of the finest cars ever made will be displayed by various railroad. companies in the large annex to the Transportation Building and the exhibit of engines will be particularly fine.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

We call especial attention to this list of Nurserymen, Seedsmen, Florists, etc. They all issue good Catalogues and will cheerfully send you one free, if you write referring to the Maryland Farmer. We believe every one of them to be reliable.—[Ed. M. F.

Amer. Exotic Nurseries, R. D. Hoyt, Mngr', Seven Oaks, Fla.

E. Moody & Sons, Nurseries. Established 1839

Crosman Bros, Seeds and Plants, wholesale Rochester, N.Y.

F. Barteldes & Co., Kansas Seed House. Lawrence, Kas.

P. J.Berckmans, Trees, plants, etc., adapted to the South. Augusta, Ga.

Green's Nursery Co, Rochester, N.Y. Send for Ill. Cat. & Guide.

Royal Palm Nurseries. Reasoner Bros., Oneco, Florida

Berlin Nurseries, Wholesale and Retail, J.G. Harrison & Son, Berlin, Md.

T.W. Wood & Sons, Garden and Field Seeds Richmond, Va.

Wm. Parry,

Pomona Nurseries, Parry, New Jersey.

Jennings Nursery Co, Trees for the South, Thomasville, Ga.

West Jersey Nursery Co. Send for Catl'g. Bridgeton, N. J.

E.B.Marter, Jr. Seeds, Roots & Plants. Price list free. Burlington, N. J.

Samuel Wilson, Seeds, Plants and Trees, Mechanicsville, Pa.

Strawberry and Cabbage Plants, Onion Sets, Onion Sets, Value of Cabbage Plants, Onion Sets, Value of Cabbage Plants, Onion Sets, Onion Set

Strawberry and Cabbage Plants, Trees, &c., Car'g free. A. J. McMath, Onley, Va

Spraying Fruit Trees.

There is no work on farm or garden that pays better than spraying fruit trees. According to recent census statistics the ravages of insect pests cost the fruit growers of the United States \$400,000,000 annually, and by careful experiments it

has been shown that 75 per cent. of this loss can be prevented by the proper use of insecticides, fungicides, etc. The actual cost of spraying is small; it is work that can be easily and quickly performed and anyone who has a dozen fruit trees can well afford to buy a spray pump.



We have have just received from the P. C. Lewis Mfg. Co.. a valuable treatise on spraying, together with a report from the Cornell Univesity Experiment Station and a spray calendar, which tell what kinds of trees and plants to spray, when to spray and what to spray with. The formulas given are the latest from the Department of Agriculture at Washington. tice articles in this book under the heads of "A Word of Advice," "How to Spray," "Automatic mixers," etc., they should be read by every person thinking of purchasing a spray pump. Write them for illustrated catalogue and treatise on spraying which will be sent postpaid and absolutely free. The above firm in the spray pump business, claim to send free more and better information on spraying than others charge you for. The goods they sell are reliable and we cheerfully recommend them. They give a three years' warranty on their spray pumps and also guarantee each pump to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. address is P. C. Lewis Mfg. Co., Catskill, N. Y. mention this paper.

Compiled for the Maryland Farmer.

MARYLAND ITEMS.

Wicomico Co. will have a large peach crop.

The public schools for Somerset county have closed.

Isidor Rayner launched his Gubernatorial Boat, April 30th.

Fruit prospects around Cambridge are better than for years past.

The amount spent in Maryland for artificial fertilizers exceeded \$3,000,000 in 1894.

Messrs. Keen & Hagerty will erect a new factory for their extensive tin ware trade.

Mr. John H'y Keene Jr. has bought the heavy weight hunter "Prince Minturne."

The Steamer Belgium King sailed from Baltimore May 4th, for Liverpool with 1000 sheep.

Mr. C. D. Kenny, has nine stores in Baltimore, where he sells his celebrated roasted coffees.

The new station of the Western Md. R. R. Co., at Smithsburg, Washington Co., has been commenced.

The acreage planted in wheat last fall, in Washington County, was less by 2000 acres than the year preceding.

Six hundred thousand young shad have been deposited in the Manokin River by Fish Commissioner John S. Sadler.

Hon. Thos. G. Hayes addressed the Deer Park Farmers' Club. May 4th, on the subject of "Needs of Assessment."

Mr. Jesse Moore has been re-elected superintendent of the Maryland House of Correction. We congratulate Uncle Jess.

Farmers in need of carriages, phaetons, etc., can make a selection from 150 varieties at Babcock's Repository, 17 Fayette St.

The Chesapeake Rubber Co., W. Baltimore St., is selling hose for garden and lawn purposes at remarkably reasonable rates.

Mr. Edwin H. Webster, of Harford County, and Mr. John T. Moore, of Cecil County are putting, in De Laval Separators, which are being furnished by the Maryland Agricultural Co., of Baltimore, who are the special general selling agents of this machine.

Mr. T. H. Gaither, of Howard Co., has been appointed by Governor Brown, Judge of the Orphans Court of that County.

Frederick has voted for an electric system of fire alarms, the necessity being felt on account of the city growth and the large manufacturing interests of the place.

Two emigrants from Kansas reached Baltimore recently, having come all the way, over 2000 miles, in a two horse wagon. They were en route to Dorchester County, Md., where they propose to settle.

Mr. Arthur W. Robson has been appointed up town ticket agent of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Transportion Co., and has opened an office at 132 East Baltimore St. This is a great convenience to the traveling public.

Mr. Powell Evans, of Philadelphia, has been granted the privilege by the Common Council of Hagerstown to use the water power of the adjacent river at Dam No. 5 for the purpose of supplying Hagerstown with electricity on a large scale, for all public purposes.

The wife of Gov. Frank Brown died at the Rennert House in this city, from the brights disease, Saturday morning, May 11. The Governor's wife will be long remembered for her lavish hospitality while mistress at Annapolis, and for her many unpretentious acts of charity towards the suffering poor.

We call attention elsewhere to the advertisement of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., announcing the completion of the Belt Tunnel and the running regularly of trains through the same. This will give the B. & O. an advantage of at least 20 minutes in saving time to New York, and places the company in the lead for quick transportation of passengers and freight. Always travel by the great B. & O.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

For the Maryland Farmer.

BUSY WOMAN'S LUNCH PARTY. BY AUNT EMILY.

The busy woman gave a luncheon the other day. She really did not see how she could take the time to do it, but as she was in debt to a half dozen of her friends in that way, she made up her mind she would prefer to do it, to being crossed off all their books, as one is sure and deserves to be, if she never responds to social overtures.

Besides giving this luncheon under present circumstances was a splendid opportunity to put in practice some of the lessons busy woman had been preaching—of doing things simply without much fuss or parade, and yet doing them nicely and to one's credit.

Eight invitations were sent out for an informal luncheon; all but two were accepted.

Busy woman's only maid was home on a brief visit, which would be a still further test of her power to come out of it well.

Busy woman decided quickly that there should be only one warm thing besides tea. She went shopping on her way home from office and bought a can of potted ham, a pound of cheese, a dozen lemons, a couple of quarts of nice strawberries, and a pound of the finest quality of sorted cales.

Going home that evening she made a sponge cake, and laid her plans, for the luncheon was to be an impromptu affair to come off the next day. Busy woman put the finest of her linen and nappery on the table, polished her glass, and filled the old celery stand with blue Fleur-de-lis and rose-buds for a centrepiece. Then she prepared the bread for two kinds of sandwiches. For the ham sandwiches she got a square close loaf, cut the slices very thin, all the crust off, and then each slice in two lengthwise, buttered them

and spread the ham between. She arranged these in log-cabin layers on a folded napkin on a cake plate, folding the fringed sides up over the sand-Then she cut a round topped wiches. loaf into thin slices, buttered them and put finely grated cheese between folding each slice into one. These occupied a position opposite the others on a similarly arranged dish. There were a dozen of each. Cubes of cheese were placed on a grape leaf plate. The sorted cakes with squares of sponge-cake were put on a napkin in the silver cake basket.

An old fashioned short cake made with butter for shortening was cut into squares, split, buttered and sprinkled with sugar and spread thickly with berries. The top layer was put on bottom side up, well buttered and the berries were scattered thickly over it.

The yolks only of two fresh eggs were thoroughly beaten and stirred gradually into 3 half pints of new milk, which makes a very good "mock cream" which is delicious served on strawberry shortcake. The cake was brought to table warm, and so was the tea. Some took this last plain while others put the bit of sliced lemon in and took it Russian fashion.

All those present enjoyed this simple luncheon quite as much as a more elaborate affair, and its cost was a mere trifle.

Potted ham	.09
Lemons	.15
Strawberries, 2 boxes	s .40
Cut sugar	.09
Cheese	.20
Sorted cakes	.25
	\$1.18

Thus a luncheon for six people, the actual outlay was simply this and nothing more.

Almost any one can afford to be sociable on occasions if they will only let judgment and good taste arrange the little feast which is to garnish their hospitality. "I have lost my heart," he whispered, Gazing in her lovely eyes; But the maiden coldly answered,

"Why don't you advertise?

Too much lace can hardly be worn.
Old kid gloves make excellent penwipers.

Black and white parasols are exceedingly smart.

Tortoise-shell jewelry is slowly but surely coming back.

Girls of the period hide their ears with straight hair and curls.

The most popular silks for street wear in shirt-waists are plaids.

Short jackets of cloth, over bodices of silk, will be widely worn.

There are those who say it is only a question of time, when colonial wigs will come.

In cane and umbrella handles the "Little Bo-peep" crook still continues the thing.

A shade pale grey-blue, is to be the popular spring color for tailor made gowns.

The fashionable thing at present is to wear white linen collars, with the colored shirt waists.

Veils are to a great degree abolished, and even when worn are short, reaching only to the chin.

"Worth" is dead, and this revives the old saying: Worth makes the lady; want of it, the woman.

Gauze de laine is a new open meshed wool fabric 44 inches in width to be worn over a bright silk lining.

The overhanging French front for dress waist will show their graceful outlines in all the new spring gowns.

The sailor hat with a square crown, is already exhibited in the shops as a sample of coming summer head gear.

More and more followers of the Delsarte method of walking are seen on fashionable promenade every day.

Tailor gowns are fastened with four large buttons, showing only a small a-

mount of white chemisette; the fronts hang loosely like a man's double breasted sack coat; and the whole jacket is quite short reaching only to the hips.

Moire imperial is a choice silk novelty for waists. It is shown in all the new effects jardenieu. Parsian au Pompadour stripes.

There isn't any Sunday-go-to-meeting frocks, nowadays; a lady wears the same outfit to church that she does shopping or traveling.

Dotted swiss, in navy, red or black, makes exceedingly nice waists, and the pale colored mulls, and even organdies, are greatly used.

Shirts, to wear under eton and open fronted coats, are exceedingly ornate this season, and are embroidered in dots, rings, or floriated patterns.

The chapeau of black Tuscan straw, is trimmed with wings formed of loops of Tuscan braid, with centre of cream guipure, roses and foilage.

The large hats bear a burden of roses and tulips. It used to be thought correct to confine the trimming to one kind of flowers; now, the more the merrier.

Velvet is among the most popular materials for capes and dressy coats. The genuine velvet is essential where a rich effect is desired, but for bodices the miroir is best.

On many of the bodices the full front is seen. The ever present box-pleat is formed of wide Dresden ribbon, a few bearing three small jeweled studs down the centre.

The styles in parsols this spring are quite in keeping with the styles in clothes extremely fussy, very elaborate and sometimes, but not often, picturesque in effect. There is a wide range.

Many of the "smart" women are wearing very high turned over collars of white duck, or white serge, with their tailor made costumes; the severity of the lines being softened by the collar opening both in front and at the back, with a bow on each side.

THE POULTRY YARD.

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The Pekin appears to be decidedly the favorite breed for market purposes in this country. Though resembling in some respects the Aylesbury, this breed is very distinct, and there is no reason why one should ever be mistaken for the other. In the first place they differ greatly in shape. Pekins having a more upright carriage, the tail nearer the ground, while their shoulders are several inches higher, due to the legs being set further back in the body. Some Pekins have pure white plumage, but as a rule they have a slight canary tinge, which should never be met with in the other breed. The beak is yellow in color, short and thick in bill, and the legs are a dark orange. Pekins are large looking birds, but this is more apparent than real, due to profuseness of feathering. They are wonderfully hardy, good foragers, can be easily reared, and, as has already been stated, are capital layers.

The old birds are kept in flocks of from thirty to forty, not more, unless the range allowed them is unlimited. Young ducks will do well in larger lots up to 150. While ducklings which are intended to be killed do not need water in which to swim, it is requisite for breeding stock to have a fair amount of liberty, and access to water, the absence of which often results in either unfertile eggs or weakly birds.

It is not necessary, as a rule, to separate the different lots of breeding ducks, for drakes are not nearly so quarrelsome nor have such pugilistic tendencies as fowls. The usual plan adopted is to mate a drake to two ducks, or two drakes to five ducks, but with vigorous birds this proportion can be exceeded, and during favorable weather one drake may serve four or five ducks. Much depends upon the vigor of the stock, and to secure fertility of eggs birds over three years of age should not be employed. In selecting stock for breeding, size of frame, length of body and general activity are sought for. Without size of body we cannot expect to obtain large ducklings, and the larger they are the better prices will they command.

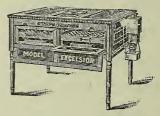
To make market ducks pay they must be fed largely on cheap bulky food like

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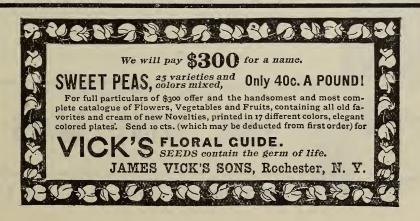
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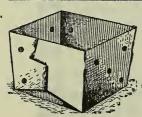
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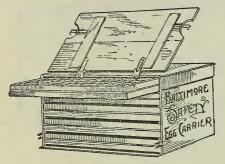
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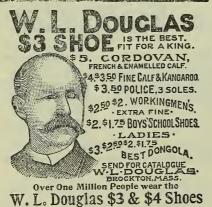
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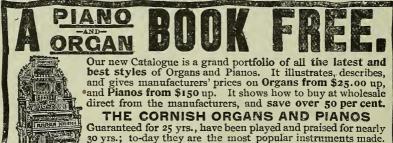
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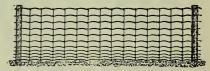
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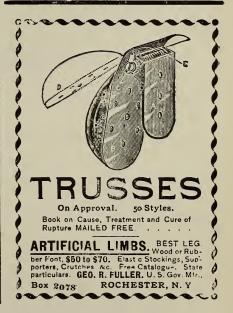


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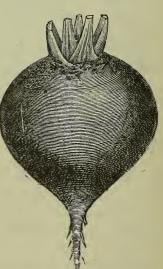
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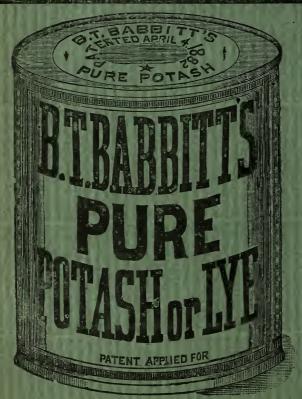
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